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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached document.

Attached is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report (“IPER”), including PCT/IB/373 and English translation of PCT/ISA/237, dated June 29, 2006, that issued in a related PCT/JP2004/013446 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPER as it relates to the above-identified application.

While the IPER cites four particular documents (as well as the U.S. counterpart of listed Document 3, *i.e.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,044,130), these documents are not attached hereto because the four particular documents were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on March 15, 2006. Only the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,044,130 is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the

document listed on the PTO-1449 enclosed and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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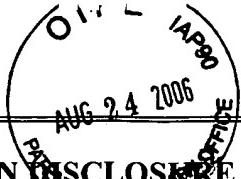


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